

Page 6, line 22 change "treating depression" to -promoting angiogenesis--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel original claims 1-22 and add the following new claims 23-35.

23. (New) A method of treatment, comprising:

administering recombinant human relaxin (H2) to a patient at a predetermined rate so as to maintain a serum concentration of at least about 1 ng/ml;

continuing the administration over a period sufficient to obtain a therapeutic effect on the patient.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein relaxin is administered from an osmotic pump.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the osmotic pump is a multi-chamber osmotic pump system.

26. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the predetermined rate comprises sequentially timed dispensing from an osmotic pump.

27. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the administering is at a progressively diminishing rate.

28. (New) A method of inducing secretion of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), comprising the steps of:

administering recombinant human (H2) to a patient wherein the administering is in a sufficient amount and over a sufficient period of time so as to induce VEGF secretion.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the relaxin is administered at a predetermined rate so as to maintain a therapeutic serum concentration of relaxin in the patient.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the serum concentration of relaxin is at least about 1 ng/ml.